

REMARKS

Claims 15-24 are pending in this application.

Applicant's Response to the Species Election was made on October 15, 2003 in parent application Serial No. 10/457,407, electing Species III and including at least claims 19-24 and generic claim 15. This Divisional application is being filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to pursue the non-elected species.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael R. Cammarata, (Reg. No. 39,491) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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